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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on December 2, 2010. Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections are requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Support for Amendment begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.